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REFERENCES: (A) BRUSSELS 13692, (B) STATE 177666,
(C) BRUSSELS 13833

1. WE WISH TO DRAW ADDRESSEES' ATTENTION TO THE
RECENT ARTICLES IN THE US NUCLEAR PRESS (NUCLEONICS
WEEK OF JUNE 22, PAGES 9 AND 10, AND OF JULY 6,
PAGE 3) WHICH DESCRIBE US INDUSTRY'S "WORRY" OVER
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IMPACT OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN THE US, BOTH IN TERMS
OF THEIR ECONOMIC BURDEN AND OF THEIR RISK TO
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.

2. WE WONDER IF THIS MAY NOT RPT NOT POINT TO (AND
PERHAPS HAVE REINFORCED) ONE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE
EUROPEAN THINKING ABOUT THE EURATOM/IAEA NEGOTIATIONS,

I.E., THAT THE US WILL PRESS LESS HARD FOR POSSIBLY BURDENSOME OR INTRUSIVE IAEA INSPECTION PROCEDURES VIS-A-VIS EURATOM ONCE THE US ITSELF IS GRAPPLING WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS WITH THE IAEA IN CONNECTION WITH THE US VOLUNTARY OFFER.

3. A CONSIDERATION OF THIS KIND WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH WILLIAMS' SUGGESTION (BRUSSELS 13833) FOR A ONE-EAR DELAY IN THE EURATOM/IAEA NEGOTIATIONS, AS BY THAT TIME THE EUROPEANS COULD EXPECT THE US TO BE FULLY ENGAGED IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH IAEA. IT IS ALSO RELEVANT, OF COURSE, TO THE EXPRESSED EUROPEAN CONCERN THAT THE IAEA WILL NOT RPT NOT BE REQUESTING AS STRINGENT INSPECTION OF US FACILITIES AS OF THOSE IN EUROPE (BRUSSELS 13692).

4. IF THERE IS SOME VALIDITY TO OUR SPECULATION THAT THIS IS AN ELEMENT IN THE EUROPEANS' THINKING, IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THE USG TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT HAS NO RPT NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO GET A BETTER DEAL THAN OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON FACILITIES SUBJECT TO IAEA INSPECTION, AND THAT IT FEELS THE "BURDEN" OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS WILL BE QUITE MANAGEABLE FROM THE US AS WELL AS FROM THE EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW. KIRK

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